

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert:

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Referring now to Figures 1 to 4, there ~~are~~ is shown a hood ~~masks~~ mask 10, in accordance with the invention. The hood 10 is in the shape of a bag with the top 12 of the hood sealed and the bottom 14 open. The top 12 may be square shaped (Fig.1), slightly curved (Fig.2) or polygonal (Fig. 3). A pair of elastic bands 15 and 17 is shown, which are to be used to secure the bottom 14 of the hood around the neck. Actually, only one band is required, the other serving as a reserve in case the first one tears or gets lost while unfolding the mask or putting it on. These bands 15 and 17 are supplied together with the folded hood 10 in the same pack.

Page 9, lines 13-18:

The bottom of the mask/bag is secured around the neck, preventing entry of external air into the mask. There are several methods of sealing the bag/hood around the neck, but as the bag/hood is worn in cases of emergency, only speedy methods are acceptable. One of the systems is by adding to the bottom part of the bag/hood, at the center of the rear layer, two laces ~~(4 in Fig. 1)~~ to be tied around the neck over the outer layers of the bag/hood. The laces can be elastic.